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PROPAGATION: Aug 8-10, High Normal; Aug 11, High/Above Normal; Aug 12, Low Normal; Aug 13, Low/Below Normal; Aug 14, Low Normal; Aug 15, High/Low Normal; TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
164	217	94	7/28	119	19	3
151	207	95	7/29	123	12	3
139	204	109	7/30	140	15	2
133	192	111	7/31	140	19	3
128	176	120	8/1	153	11	3
128	174	144	8/2	147	8	2
129	153	151	8/3	144	25	4

DXCC HONOR ROLL will be published, on schedule, in September QST. Top CW total is 308, but there are two "gaps," so the bottom CW listing will be 297.

CHINA: Our Interoffice Mail brought down the first Survey results recently...for those outside the U.S./Canada, where the average DXCC deleted total was around 285, with at least 40 per cent still needing China.

We chatted the other day with an American who had visited BY1PK between the operating stints of YU2DX and K1MM. After the usual pleasantries, green tea, etc., he was asked if he'd like to operate. He declined, partly because the time of day suggested poor propagation to most places.

YU2DX, writing to Long Skip, says that 238 of his 1223 BY1PK contacts last May 18-21 were with the U.S.A., nineteen with Canada, and another 243 with Japan.

CAMBODIA: Do not cancel your vacation because of the possibility of a JA operation as "XU1SS" or whatever later this month. The operation would be under the auspices of a "Liberation Front," and counting it would open the door for others which have historically not counted for DXCC.

ANOTHER ONE which won't count for anything special is a proposed operation from Alaska's Pribilof Islands. The Alaska DX Association is proposing an operation Aug 25-30. The Pribilofs, in the Bering Sea about 240 miles from the mainland, would not meet the 500-mile Rule to attain separate DXCC status...over the years, other groups have applied for such status and been turned down. If this operation comes off, KL7RA, KL7Y, NL7G, and NL7P will operate from the town of St. Paul. Callsign not determined yet.

AUGUST 24 DEADLINE for J28AZ to provide his American friends documentation for a S. Yemen Operation is approaching, with no word. Similarly, there is no indication from DL7FT that his early September try for Albania has much chance.

MALPELO: LCRA continues planning for the operation to start Oct 12. They say that "under no circumstances will there be any list operations." Their confirmation procedures will be one QSL, one envelope, and three IRC's per QSO.

SPACE SHUTTLE operation frequencies have been announced, with four channels of FM for Space to Earth, and twenty for W5LFL/Space to transmit down on. These will be in Sep QST.

K4YT leaves for AFRICA shortly. His full schedule will be announced later, but it would pay to watch for K4YT/T5 as early as this week or next. Somalia is his first stop, and by far the rarest country on his itinerary. Karl was in Iraq not too long ago, and says they are set up for more amateur activity if the war with Iran ever ends. They have laid out call areas. Don Riebhof, K7ZZ, is reportedly leaving Baghdad (where he was not able to operate) for another government assignment, possibly in Portugal. He will be remembered as CT4AT there in the mid-70's.

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BURUNDI: W4MGN's recent aborted attempt to operate from 9U5JM is not surprising; American ambassador Jim Bullington, N4HX, has also not been heard on from there.

PLAYBOY magazine does it again. An article on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the August issue claims that many M.I.T. students come there without having been properly socialized. This is due, the article says, to M.I.T. students spending their high school days "playing with ham radios and chemistry sets" instead of dating, etc.

ON A somewhat happier note, TDXB long-time reader Warren Hager, K2UFM, is featured in ARRL's latest "AMATEURADIO," a newsletter which goes to government officials, the press, and even to some important people. The article, focusing on DXing, originally appeared in a New York Stock Exchange paper (K2UFM works in Wall Street).

XE1MD reports that the DJIBOUTI NET meets nightly at 0300Z on 14.110, with FH8CB, 3A2JH, and F5EH, who is on his way to the Comoros soon. Most of the operation is in French. FH8CB, by the way, is waiting on word on a request he has made for S. Yemen licensing. Incidentally, as WA4JTI points out, there has never been a 70 callsign on the air...all S. Yemen operations were when the country was called Aden, was in British hands, and VS9 calls were being used.

ARRL has filed reply comments to FCC regarding Docket 82-83 (no-code), pointing out that of 1500 individual comments already filed at FCC, those opposing no-code outnumber the others 25-to-1. Not more than ten letters favoring a no-code license have come from prospective amateurs.

N3CQM's FGØHUL/FS operation recently netted 1700 contacts in 105 countries, 1000 of them on 20 Meters. His address is Larry Walker, 3607 San Rafael Ct, Springfield PA 19064.

YOUR EDITOR was asked recently if his BY8AA contact was made by one of the methods mentioned here recently (postcard request, list, etc). The answer is an emphatic NO...we have been offered the "opportunity" to participate in one of these lists several times, and politely turned down the offers. We worked them on the usual 21.040/0100Z appearance, thanks to an alert local who tipped us they were there.

OPINION

ONLY IN TEXAS could they have pulled something like last weekend's "Armadillo Run" off. In case you missed it (publicity was meagre), about a dozen mobile stations, members and friends of the Texas DX Society, put on the air all 254 Texas counties! They did it on 20 Meter CW, in conjunction with the annual CW County Hunter's Contest, and the county hunters are probably wondering what hit them.

First prize, a plane ticket to the ARRL National Convention in Houston in October, was won by K1ZX (unless a mystery operator shows up). W2GD missed only one county.

Some people who participated in this activity are saying it was the most operating fun they've ever had. The mobile operators were top-notch, and one could work all the counties without having to resort to working lids and other rif-raff. Actually, the "Armadillo Run" was a sad commentary on the state of amateur radio operating skills these days, as most of the participants have been around twenty years or more. The "Buy a linear, put up a beam, sit on one frequency, and run JAs" crop of newer amateurs were just not on in the Armadillo Run. It reminded us of the DX Competition in the old days...lots of listening, very selective calling, and fine operators on the other end. We yearn for those days.

CAYMAN ISLANDS operation Sep 2-12 by Alan Lefcourt, WB3GPR/ZF2DZ and WB3JWJ/ZF2FF will feature use of the ZF2Ø prefix at times. However, this will not count for the CQ WPX award (same as ZF2). They plan CW and SSB, 80-10; QSL ZF2DZ to KC3DA.

MOROCCO CN9s CL, CM, CN, CO, and CP were a group from Saarbrücken, W. Germany. QSL to DLØOI.

NOTE: many of you have renewed early, and are switching over to first class mail delivery. We are making the changeover as quickly as we can, so please be patient. The ONLY solution to poor "newspaper" mail service is to pay the extra (\$7) for first class delivery. That \$7 just barely covers our additional cost here at TDXB.

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

A4XFM 14021 02E 23	FK8CL 7020 06W 25	PYØFE 21022 17E 23	YI1BGD 14215 04E 23
A4XYJ 14019 02E 29	FM7WD 14023 02E 25	PZ1DT 14059 01E 24	YJ8IND 14305 04W 24
A4XJO 14027 03E 29	FGØHYJ/	PZ1DV 3514 01E 28	YN1ECF 14202 03W 26
BY1PK 14010 02E 1	FS7 14195 04W 25	P29SO 14038 12E 22	ZD7BW 21281 20W 23
CE6EAT 7005 23E 2	FO8GW 14197 04W 24	DF3NZ/	ZD7CW 21330 20W 23
CO7AM 21291 22W 23	FO8FW 14010 05W 25	ST2 14218 23E 25	ZD8WT 21035 17E 23
CO2HS 14293 06W 25	FO8BI 14014 06W 29	SVØAA 14026 01E 25	ZD8LM 21335 16E 24
CM6CD 14024 07W 27	FR7BP 14029 13E 24	TI2DL 14044 05W 25	ZK1AR 14227 08E 2
CM6LM 7005 00E 28	FR7BP 14026 12E 30	TR8DR 21016 17E 23	ZL2BKM/C 14212 12E 24
CN5AA 7007 03E 23	FY7KRU 14202 02E 28	TR8JLD 14250 02W 25	ZP5JAL 14200 00E 27
CN9CO 14160 01E 23	GD4AM 14029 16W 28	TR8DR 14004 01E 26	ZS5NZ 14174 13W 27
CN9CN 7002 02E 25	GJ3EML 14018 22E 26	TR8JLD 21005 22W 27	Z24JS 14020 13E 24
CN9CN 14164 01E 26	HC2HX 14207 05W 25	TR8JLD 14012 00E 28	Z21FN 14039 12E 27
W1BWS/	HI7JM 7009 00E 28	T32AF 14010 05W 25	Z21FN 14030 14W 27
CS2 14190 02W 25	HKØBKX 14029 13E 24	T32AF 7009 06W 25	3D2DM 14218 02E 23
C21FS 14202 12E 24	HL9SN 14052 07W 29	T32AF 14002 07W 27	3D6AJ 14212 13W 24
C21BD 14227 15E 30	H44SH 14210 12E 24	UK2FBR 7007 00E 28	3D6AK 14030 13E 24
C6ANI 21273 19W 24	H44IA 14195 12E 26	UO5OWN 7010 02E 26	3X4EX 14220 22W 23
C3ØTC 14037 23E 23	ISØOMH 21025 17E 23	UF6DA/	3X4EX 21335 20W 23
DU1DCC 14065 12E 22	J28AZ 14218 03E 23	U60 14016 22E 27	5H3DM 14190 21W 24
N6GYZ/	J37AJ 14005 02E 27	UL7EAR 14046 02E 27	6Y21A 21278 19W 23
DU1 14217 13W 26	J73YB 21372 23W 23	UI8LBB 7007 00E 3	9H1GY 14218 03E 23
DU1CK 14021 15W 28	J87BS 21275 19W 23	UK8AAI 14001 01E 24	9J2BO 14038 13E 24
DU6RT 14193 14W 29	AH2G 14024 12E 22	UM8MBA 14022 01E 28	9J2BO 14035 01E 26
D44BC 14209 03E 24	AH2AN 14210 13W 27	VK9NL 14206 05W 25	9J2BO 14034 02W 30
EA6PW 21345 20W 23	KD7P/	VK9NS 21049 01E 27	9V1VB 14026 12E 24
G6ZY/	KH2 14208 11E 30	VK9ND 21258 02E 2	9V1VP 14215 14W 26
EA6 14024 22W 28	KD7P/	VK9XI 14215 13W 26	9VØVM 14226 14E 30
EA6BE 14237 23E 31	KH2 14026 12E 30	VKØGC 14322 05W 25	9X5LR 21318 19W 23
EA8AMW 21029 15E 23	AH2G 14022 12E 30	(Macquarie)	9X5SL 28024 19E 23
EA8AKN 14223 04W 24	KX6QC 7004 14W 28	VKØGC 14258 09E 2	
EA9JE 28035 15E 24	OA8CP 14040 03E 29	VKØGC 3795 12E 8	
ED9IAL 14200 02E 25	OH1AA/	VP8ANT 21011 17E 23	
ED9IAL 14177 02W 26	OHØ 7006 00E 29	(Antarctica)	
FC8TT 14003 01E 27	OH1AA/	VS6CX 14227 14W 27	
FG7AS 21022 18E 23	OHØ 3502 01E 29	V3SBV 14235 06W 25	
FH8CB 14218 02E 23	OX5JM 14243 11E 29	YB3DC 14202 14W 24	
FK8EH 14230 04W 24	SMØCCE/	YBØAFA 14022 12E 25	
FK8CL 14014 04E 31	OY 14027 22E 27	YB5ASO 14029 10E 26	
FK8CE 14016 06W 25	PJ2WG 28534 23W 23	YBØARC 14200 12E 26	

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THANKS to DL8FL who submitted the photos below, and informed us that A51PN is not the only licensed Bhutan ham...A51TY, Thuij Yonten, has been licensed since about 1960, and he is

Director of Wireless Communication for A51. A51PN is one of his employees. In the right-hand photo is a German friend of DL8FL's, A51TY's Wife, and A51TY himself. A51TY QTH is on the left.



CALENDAR

Burundi 9U5JM by W4MGN cancelled
 Corsice F0HWS by I4ALU Aug 7-19
 Rodrigues 3B9FK CW until Dec
 NEW NET 14.218/0200Z Sat/Sun; I 201
 Taiwan BV2A/B Fri and Sat, 1400Z

Madeira G4JMB/CT3 by VS6CT until Aug 15
 Kure N2EDQ/KH7 Now; I 201. General Phone bands
 Anguilla VP2EUQ/EYL through August
 Contest WAE CW Aug 13-14
 Contest All Asia CW Aug 27-28

Cambodia XU1SS won't count; I 202
 S. Yemen Maybe early Sept; I 197, 198, 202
 W Kiribati T30 by JH1RNZ Aug 22-24; I 201
 Tuvalu T2 by JH1RNZ Aug 24-31; I 201
 Nauru C21NI by JH1RNZ Aug 31-Sep 3; I 201

Kermadec ZL3AFH arrives early Sept; I 201
 Caymans ZF2DZ/FF Sep 2-12; I 202
 Convention DXPO Atlanta Sep 2-3
 Convention W9DXCC Chicago Sep 10
 Contest WAE Phone Sep 10-11

St Paul VE1SPI Sep 23-30
 Zone 23 U0Y Oct 1-Nov 31
 Space Shuttle W5LFL/mobile starts Sep 30; Aug QST
 Malpelo HK0TU starts Oct 12; I 188, 202
 Kermadec H.I.DX.A. trying for Nov; I 201

Convention NEDXCC Boston Roastbeefest Nov 5

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 K4KUZ, N3CQM, W0TJ, W7UZA,
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